(c) whether it is because of the out-dated technology or lack of exit policy in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) information in respect of projected loss by Central Public Sector Enterprises ((CPSEs) is not maintained centrally. However, as per Performance Budget 2001-2002 of the Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises, the total projected loss by 28 loss making CPSEs under the Department of Heavy Industry (DHI) is Rs. 533.11 crores as against a projected net profit of Rs. 679.96 crores earned by 12 profit making CPSEs under DHI. In case of remaining 8 CPSEs, no projections have been made. Thus, 48 public sector undertakings under DHI are likely to earn an aggregate net profit of Rs. 146.85 crores during the year 2001-02 after adjustment of the above projected loss.

(b) and (c) The reasons for losses are enterprise specific. Some of these reasons include inherited sickness in case of taken over units from the private sector, obsolete plant and machinery, outdated technology, low capacity utilisation, excess manpower, financial resource crunch, high input costs, heavy interest burden, weak marketing strategies, lack of orders etc.

Amount spent on revival of PSUs

†70. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have spent huge amount for revival of PSUs since 1990;

(b) if so, the details of amount spent during this period; and

(c) the details of institutions which are running in profit as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) Enterprise specific measures have been taken by the Government for revival of Central PSUs and it is a continuous process. Depending upon the availability of the funds, need based budgetary support in the form of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

plan and non-plan assistance have been extended to the public enterprises from time to time. Details of plan and non-plan assistance are indicated at Statement No. 9 and 14 respectively of the Expenditure Budget Vol. I (which is a part of Budget document) for the corresponding years. Performance in terms of profit/loss of the Central Public Sector Enterprises including those receiving assistance are available at Statement No. 6 of Public Enterprises Survey Report Vol. I for the corresponding years, which is a published document.

Opening up of print media to foreign equity

71. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's are going to open up the print media to foreign equity; and

(b) if not, Government's stand on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) The Government continues to be guide by the Cabinet decision of 1955, which *inter-alia* prohibits publication of foreign owned newspapers/periodicals in the country and Indian editions of foreign news-papers/periodicals dealing mainly with news and current affairs.

World Development Report

72. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government have studied the World Bank Report titled "World Development Report 2002: Building Institution for Markets" released on 11th September, 2001 pleading strongly *inter-alia* for private media and open information flows; and

(b) if so, the measures taken to ensure the right of information to the citizens?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Department of Personnel & Training has informed that with a view to making the Government more transparent and accountable to the public, Government had introduced the 'Freedom of Information Bill, 2000' in the Lok